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Chief of Police

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**DATE: July 14, 2010**

**Case Report 10-11994**

**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fatality Accident**

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED: July 3, 2010, at approximately 1:00 a.m.**

**LOCATION: 23<sup>rd</sup> and Andrews Hwy**

### **SUMMARY/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Odessa Police Department has issued a warrant of arrest for Armando Casas Jr, 20yoa of Odessa for his involvement in an accident on July 3, 2010. At approximately 1:00 a.m., the Odessa Police and Fire Department responded to a major accident that occurred at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Andrews Hwy.

Investigation at the scene revealed that a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Armando Casas Jr., drove through standing water northbound on Andrews Hwy. The driver failed to control speed causing the vehicle to hydroplane. The vehicle spun around and struck a light pole causing the vehicle to roll on to its top. A passenger in the vehicle, Michael Shawn Gonzales, 24yoa of Odessa, was transported to Medical Center Hospital with serious bodily injuries. Another passenger, Tommy Gonzales, 20yoa of Odessa, was not injured.

On Sunday, July 11, 2010, Michael Shawn Gonzales succumbed to his injuries sustained in the accident. An arrest warrant, signed by Judge Carol Gregg, was obtained for Manslaughter, Felony 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. At 9:00 a.m. today, Armando Casas turned himself into the Ector County Law Enforcement Center.

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